

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 10-12 and 14-18 are currently active in this case. Claims 10 and 16-18 have been amended by the current amendment. No new matter has been amended.

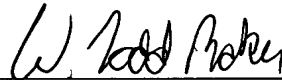
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to applicants' representative on April 03, 2007 at which time the outstanding rejections were discussed. As reflected in the interview summary, after discussing the differences between the applied art and the invention defined by Applicants' claim 10, the Examiner expressed the opinion that the outstanding rejections would still apply. In response, claim language as substantially presented herein was discussed and agreed to as overcoming the applied art.

Claim amendments to claims 17 and 18 have been made to render those claims consistent with claim 10 (i.e., changing "objective action" to --objective actions--). Further, non-narrowing clarifying changes have been made to claims 10 and 16-18.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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